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| In re Patent Application of  | ) Attorney Docket No.: <b>SUGI0166</b> |
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| Tadahiro OHMI et al.         | ) Confirmation No. 9535                |
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| Serial No.: 10/597,343       | ) Group Art Unit: 3653                 |
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| Filed: July 20, 2006         | ) Examiner: William M. McCalister      |
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| For: METHOD FOR WATER        | ) Date: October 25, 2010               |
| HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID  |  |
| PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR      |  |
| SUPPLYING CHEMICAL           |  |
| SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR     |  |
| WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING     |  |
| FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED |  |

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/762,987, filed June 14, 2007, which relates to a method for closing fluid passage, and water hammerless valve device and water hammerless closing device used in the method. The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in a U.S. Office Action mailed October 13, 2010 in co-pending application Serial Number 11/762,987 filed June 14, 2007. Their relevance is believed to be clear from the Office Action and its relation to the subject

matter of the present invention. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. In accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

The Office Action was mailed on October 13, 2010, i.e., less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

A fee of \$180.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached. It is therefore believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to

charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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